

OFFICIAL REPORTS
OF THE TOWN OF
GROTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

Annual Reports
of the
Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board and
Other Officials
of the

Town of Groton

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

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TOWN OFFICERS

1944

Moderator.....	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk.....	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen.....	S. E. Lane, Lucien M. Parris Thomas Newton
Road Agents.....	Ernest E. Matthews, Fred J. White
Snow Removal.....	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer.....	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector.....	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents.....	Selectmen
Librarian.....	Agnes A. Lane
Police.....	Thomas Newton
Overseer of Poor.....	Thomas Newton
Health Officer.....	S. E. Lane
Auditors.....	Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris
School Board.....	Annie M. Esty, Violet Parris Yvonne Stevens
School District Clerk and Treasurer..	Ileene A. Matthews
Trustees of Trust Funds....	Floyd Colby, Agnes A. Lane Orville G. Matthews
Library Trustees.....	Flora Matthews, Violet Parris Ileene A. Matthews
Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark.....	Selectmen
Fence Viewers.....	Thomas Newton, S. E. Lane
Janitor.....	Thomas Newton
Constable.....	S. E. Lane

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Groton, on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and three years.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as prepared, and make appropriations for the same.

4. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on property taxes paid on or before August 1st, 1945.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of, or administer, any real estate acquired by tax collectors' deeds.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$400.00 for blister rust control, and make appropriation for same.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one, one hundredths of one percent (1-100 of 1%) of the assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1944, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages, and resources of the Town, together with other Towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$250.00 to be spent under the supervision of the Selectmen, to fix the bridge near the Cummings place on the Cheever road, to make it safe, and to make appropriation for same.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50.00 to be used the Rolfe Hill Cemetery.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$174.87, for Town Road Aid the State to contribute \$699.46, and make appropriation for same.

12. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund, to be used for the continuance of the construction of the State Road Aid, leading from North Groton to Cheever.

13. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

14. To see if the Town will vote to support States membership in a general system of International co-operation, such as that proposed at the Dunbarton Oaks Conference, having police power to maintain the peace of the World; each Town Clerk is directed to forward to the Secretary of State the result of the vote, in his town, if any, on this question. The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to canvass the vote on this article as returned to him and transmit his findings to the Clerk of the United States Senate.

15. And to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five.

LUCIEN M. PARRIS,

THOMAS NEWTON,
Selectmen of Groton,

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LUCIEN M. PARRIS,

THOMAS NEWTON
Selectmen of Groton,

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the

Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures

Source of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1944	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1945	Increase	Decrease
From State				
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 35.75	\$ 35.75	\$	\$
Savings Bank Tax	15.94	15.94		
Reimbursement on account of State & Federal Forest lands	19.61	19.61		
For fighting forest Fires	503.59			503.59
Bounties	288.70	100.00		188.70
Plowing Mine Roads	421.78	100.00		321.78
Local Sources Except Taxes				
Interest received on taxes	101.24	50.00		51.24
Rent of Equipment	163.50	50.00		113.50
Dog Licenses	51.40	51.40		
Motor Vehicle Permit fees	81.55	75.00		6.55
Sale of Town Property				
Acquired by Tax Deeds	146.33			146.33
Reimbursement-Town of Hebron	52.90			52.90
Reimbursement-Town Poor	100.00			100.00
Reimbursement-Recording Deed Mtg	1.78			1.78
Cordwood Stumpage	9.50			9.50
Payment on Davis Mine	255.20			255.20
Payment and Int. on Stevens Place	85.00	136.50	51.50	
Sale of hay on Davis Place	55.00	50.00		5.00
Gravel from Town pit	201.60			201.60
Cash Surplus	3,015.77	3,094.81	79.04	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes				
Special Poll Taxes	168.00			168.00
Poll Taxes, Regular	102.00	102.00		
Loan in Anticipation of taxes	500.00			500.00
Total Revenues from all Sources				
Except Property Taxes	\$ 6,376.14	3,881.01	130.54	2,625.67
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	10,636.50	8,636.04		2,000.46
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,012.64	12,517.05	130.54	4,626.13

GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ensuing Year January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

of the Previous Year February 1, 1944 to December, 31, 1944

Purposes of Expenditure	Actual Expenditure previous yr 1944	Estimated Expenditure ensuing yr 1945	Inc	Dec
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 992.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7.55	
Town Officers Expenses	321.16	950.00	628.84	
Election and Registration	110.40	50.00		60.40
Town Hall and other buildings	54.00	25.00		29.00
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police Department	6.60	10.00	3.40	
Fire Department	1,247.32	300.00		947.32
Blister Rust Control		200.00	200.00	
Health				
Health Department	15.00	15.00		
Vital Statistics	1.50	1.50		
Highways and Bridges				
Town Maintenance, Summer	1,616.61	1,500.00		116.61
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,348.52	1,500.00	151.48	
General Expense of Highway Department	1,407.44	1,500.00	92.56	
Bounties	150.50	100.00		50.50
Unclassified	436.82			436.82
Library	200.00	150.00		50.00
Public Welfare				
Town Poor	175.00	100.00		75.00
Old Age Assistance	15.26	100.00	84.74	
Public Service Enterprises				
Cemeteries		50.00	50.00	
Interest				
Interest; On Temporary loans	10.00	30.00	20.00	
Highways and Bridges				
Town Construction Special		250.00	250.00	
Special Poll Taxes	153.00			153.00
Indebtedness				
Temporary Loan	500.00			500.00
Taxes Bought by Town	332.07	500.00	167.93	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions				
County Tax	754.51	754.51		
Payments to School District	2,431.24	3,431.04	999.80	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,279.40	\$ 12,517.05	2,656.30	2,418.65

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$ 187,190.00
Growing Wood and Timber	39,920.00
Electric Plants	175,800.00
18 Horses	2,780.00
22 Cows	2,620.00
1 Sheep	10.00
2 Oxen	300.00
132 Fowl	130.00
7 Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	305.00
Value of Wood and Lumber (not stock in trade)	3,025.00
Mills and Machinery	8,150.00
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	\$ 420,230.00
56 Regular Polls at \$2.00	112.00
4 Added Po'lls at \$2.00	8.00
61 Special Polls at \$3.00	183.00
4 Added Special Polls at \$3.00	12.00
Soldier's exemptions	\$ 5,200.00
Rate per \$100.00	\$2.40.

We certify that this is a true transcript of the footings of each column of Taxable Property, the amount of taxes levied, and the rate of taxation in the Town of Groton in the year 1944.

S. E. LANE,
LUCIEN M. PARRIS,
THOMAS NEWTON,
Selectmen of Groton

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	Appropriations & Credits	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Over-Draft
Town Officers salaries	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 992.45	\$ 607.55	
Town Officers Expenses	600.00	321.16	278.84	
Election and Registration	75.00	110.40		35.40
Town Hall and Other Buildings	25.00	54.00		29.00
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police Department	25.00	6.60	18.40	
Fire Department	300.00	1,247.32		947.32
Health				
Health Department	36.00	15.00	21.00	
Vital Statistics	1.50	1.50		
Highways and Bridges				
T. R. A.	87.31		87.31	
Snow Fence	750.00		750.00	
Town Maintenance, Summer	1,500.00	1,616.61		116.61
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,500.00	1,348.52	151.48	
General Expense of Highway Dept.	1,000.00	1,407.44		407.44
Bounties	144.00	150.50		6.50
Unclassified	1,500.00	718.89	781.11	
Libraries	200.00	200.00		
Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region	50.00	50.00		
Public Welfare				
Town Poor	100.00	175.00		75.00
Old Age Assistance		15.26		15.26
Interest				
On Temporary loans	30.00	10.00	20.00	
Special Poll Taxes		153.00		153.00
Indebtedness: Temporary loan		500.00		500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions				
County tax	599.21	754.51		155.30
Payments to School District	3,310.28	2,431.24	879.04	
TOTALS	\$ 13,433.30	12,279.40	3,594.73	2,440.83

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual 1944	Estimated 1945
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 992.45	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	321.16	950.00
Election and Registration expenses	110.40	50.00
Expense of Town Hall and other bldgs.	54.00	25.00
Police Department	6.60	10.00
Fire Department	1,247.32	300.00
Blister Rust		200.00
Health Department	15.00	15.00
Bounties	150.50	100.00
Vital Statistics	1.50	1.50
Town Maintenance	2,965.13	3,000.0
Special Culvert		250.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,407.44	1,500.00
Unclassified	436.82	
Libraries	200.00	150.00
Town Poor	175.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance	15.26	100.00
Cemeteries		50.00
Interest on Temporary loan	10.00	30.00
Special Poll taxes	153.00	
Temporary loan	500.00	
Taxes bought by Town	332.07	500.00
County taxes	754.51	754.51
Payment to School District	2,431.24	3,431.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,279.40	\$ 12,517.05

TOWN OF GROTON BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

In hands of Treasurer Dec. 31, 1944	\$	4,733.24
Unexpended Balance in State Treasury:		
T. R. A. 1943		697.74
T. R. A. 1944		349.23
Unredeemed Taxes		
Levy of 1943		343.32
Levy of 1942		306.53
Levy of 1941		64.87
Uncollected taxes		
Levy of 1944		1,555.51
Levy of 1943		74.60
Levy of 1942		50.35
Previous years		137.15
Total Assets	<hr/> \$	<hr/> 8,312.54

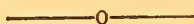
LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town

Special Poll Taxes: Uncollected. Due State when collected	\$	27.00
Special Poll tax, collected-not remitted to State Treasurer		15.00
Due School District, Balance of appropriation		1,310.28
Dog licenses		51.40
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts		
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury, TRA 1943		174.44
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury, TRA 1944		87.31
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$	<hr/> 1,665.43
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)		6,647.11
	<hr/> \$	<hr/> 8,312.54

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Libraries, land and buildings	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, land and buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	4,500.00
Schools, lands and buildings	2,200.00
Equipment	600.00
All land and buildings acquired thru Tax Collectors' deeds	44,628.65
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Total	\$ 6,928.65



TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Auto tax collected	\$ 81.18
Dog tax collected	\$ 55.00
Less Clerk's fees	3.60
	51.40
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	\$ 132.95
Cash on hand January 31, 1944	.37
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Total	\$ 132.95
Paid to Treasurer	132.95

One fire reported for the year 1944

Respectfully submitted,

ILFENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1944

Debit

Taxes committed to Collector:

Property taxes	\$ 10,085.52
Poll Taxes-Regular at \$2.00	112.00
Poll Taxes-Special at \$3.00	183.00

Total Warrant	\$ 10,380.52
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Added Taxes:

Property taxes	\$ 69.60
Poll Taxes-Regular at \$2.00	8.00
Poll Taxes-Special at \$3.00	12.00
Interest collected	1.06

Total Debits	\$ 10,471.18
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Credits

Remittance to Treasurer:

Property taxes	\$ 8,419.41
Interest collected	1.06
Poll taxes-Regular at \$2.00	102.00
Poll taxes-Special at \$3.00	168.00
Discount	210.52
Abatements	14.63

Uncollected taxes:

Property taxes	1,510.51
Poll taxes-Regular at \$2.00	18.00
Poll taxes-Special at \$3.00	27.00

Total Credits	\$ 10,471.18
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Summary of Warrant-Levy of 1943

Debits	
Uncollected taxes February 1, 1944	\$ 2,110.34
Interest	98.39
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Total Debits	\$ 2,208.73
Credits	
Total Remittance to Treasurer	\$ 2,134.13
Uncollected taxes	74.60
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Total Credits	\$ 2,208.73

Summary of Warrant-Levy of 1942

Debits	
Uncollected taxes February 1, 1944	\$ 58.27
Interest	1.13
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Total Debits	\$ 59.40
Credits	
Total Remittances to Treasurer	9.05
Uncollected taxes	50.35
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Total Credits	\$ 59.40

Summary of Warrant-Levy of 1941

Debits	
Uncollected taxes February 1, 1944	\$ 69.01
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Total Debits	\$ 69.01
Credits	
Uncollected taxes	\$ 69.01
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Total Credits	\$ 69.01

Summary of Warrant-Levy of 1940

Debits	
Uncollected taxes	\$ 34.03
Interest	.66
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Total Debits	\$ 34.69

Credits

Total Remittance to Treasurer	\$	2.66
Uncollected taxes		32.03
Total Credits	\$	34.69

Summary of Warrant-Levy of 1939

Debits

Uncollected taxes February 1, 1944	\$	21.91
Total Debits	\$	21.91

Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$	21.91
Total Credits	\$	21.91

Summary of Warrant-Levy of 1938

Debits

Uncollected taxes February 1, 1944	\$	14.20
Total Debits	\$	14.20

Credits

Uncollected taxes	\$	14.20
Total Credits	\$	14.20

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1944

Debits

	Tax sale on account of levy of		
	1943	1942	1941
Taxes sold to town	359.09	491.93	116.93
Interest collected after sale		9.98	3.92
Redemption costs			
Total Debits	\$ 359.09	501.91	120.85

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer		146.08	25.35
Abatements	15.77	41.56	10.23
Deeds		7.74	20.40
Unredeemed	\$ 343.32	306.53	64.87
Total Credits	\$ 359.09	501.91	120.85
ANNIE M. ESTY, Collector			

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Annie M. Esty, collector, property and polls	\$ 10,423.97
Annie M. Esty, collector, taxes redeemed	171.43
Annie M. Esty, collector, interest,	101.24
Annie M. Esty, collector, taxes bought by town	311.10
Agnes A. Lane, loan to town	500.00
Selectmen, rent of equipment	163.50
Selectmen, sale of lumber and stumpage	9.50
Selectmen, sale of land	146.33
State of N. H., bounties	288.70
State of N. H., plowing and sanding mine roads	421.78
State of N. H., reimbursement from forestry dept.	14.83
State of N. H., reimbursement for loss of taxes on State owned lands	19.61
State of N. H., gravel for mine road	100.90
State of N. H., reimbursement on mine fire	488.76
Savings Bank tax	15.94
Interest and Dividend tax	35.75
Lucien Parris, payments and interest on mortgage on Stevens place	85.00
Lucien Parris, recording mortgage and note on Stevens place	1.78
Arthur Whitcomb, gravel for mine roads	100.70
Strafford Mining Co., payments on Davis mine	255.20
Town of Hebron, reimbursement on forest fire	52.90
Fred White, hay or Davis place	55.00
Thomas Newton, Overseer, reimbursement from town poor	100.00
Town Clerk, auto tax	81.55
Town Clerk, dog tax	51.40
Total Receipts	\$ 13,996.87
Balance in treasury January 31, 1944	3,015.77
Total	\$ 17,012.64
Less Selectmens' orders paid	12,279.40
Balance in treasury December 31, 1944	\$ 4,733.24

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

 RECEIPTS

Taxes committed to collector, 1944	\$	10,470.12
Less discounts and abatements, 1944		225.20
Less uncollected, 1944		1,555.51
Property taxes, current year actually collected		8,419.41
Poll taxes actually collected current year		102.00
Special poll taxes actually collected		168 00

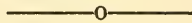
Sources of Revenue	Actual 1944	Estimated 1945
Interest and Dividend tax	\$ 35 75	35.75
Savings Bank tax	15.94	15.94
Reimbursement on State and Federal		
Forest lands	19.61	19.61
Fighting Forest fires	503.59	
Bounties	288.70	100.00
Plowing mine roads	421.78	100.00
Interest received on taxes	101.24	50.00
Rent of Town property and equipment	163.50	50.00
Dog licenses	51.40	51.40
Motor Vehicle permit fees	81.55	75.00
Sale of property acquired by tax deeds	146.33	
Reimbursement Town of Hebron fire	52.90	
Reimbursement town poor	100.00	
Reimbursement recording mortgage deed	1.78	
Stumpage on cord wood	9.50	
Payment on Davis mine	255.20	
Payment and interest on Stevens place	85.00	136.50
Sale of hay on Davis place	55 00	50.00
Gravel taken from Town pit	201 60	

Prop. and poll taxes previous yrs.	\$ 2,045.66	
(a) Poll taxes-regular at \$2	102.00	102.00
(b) Special poll taxes at \$3	168.00	
Loan in anticipation of taxes	500.00	
Prop. and poll taxes previous years	2,045.66	
Tax sales redeemed	171.43	
Cash on hand (Surplus)	3,015.77	3,094.81
	<u>\$ 8,593.23</u>	<u>\$ 3,881.01</u>
Property Tax Current Year	8,419.41	8,636.04
	<u>\$ 17 012.64</u>	<u>\$ 12,517.05</u>

PAYMENTS

Town officers' salaries	\$ 992.45
Town officers' expenses	321.16
Election and registration expense	110.40
Town hall expense	54.00
Police department	6.60
Fire department	1,247.32
Health department	15.00
Vital statistics	1.50
Town maintenance	2,965.13
General expense of highway dept.	1,407.44
Bounties	150.50
Unclassified, miscellaneous	436.82
Libraries	200.00
Town poor	175.00
Old Age Assistance	15.26
Interest on temporary loan	10.00
Special poll taxes	153.00
Temporary loan	500.00
Taxes bought by town	332.07
County taxes	754.51
Payments to school district	2,431.24
Total Payments	<u>\$ 12,279.40</u>

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS



Balance in Treasury Jan. 31, 1944	\$	3,015.77
Annie M. Esty, collector		11,007.74

From State:

Savings Bank tax	15.94
Interest and Dividends tax	35.75
Reimbursement on forest lands	19.61
Reimbursement on forest fires	503.59
Bounties	288.70
Plowing and sanding mine roads	421.78
Gravel for mine roads	100.90
Arthur Whitcomb, gravel for mine roads	100.70
Selectmen, rent of equipment	163.50
Selectmen, stumpage on cord wood	9.50
Selectmen, sale of Foster land	100.00
Selectmen, sale of Pollard land	46.33
Agnes A. Lane, loan to town	500.00
Lucien M. Parris, payments and int. on mortgage	85.00
Lucien M. Parris, recording mortgage and note	1.78
Strafford Mining Co., payments on Davis mine	255.20
Town of Hebron reimbursement on forest fire	52.90
Fred White, hay on Davis place	55.00
Thomas Newton, Overseer, reimbursement	
Town poor	100.00
Ileene A. Matthews, Auto tax	81.55
Ileene A. Matthews, Dog tax	51.40
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	\$ 17,012.64
Less Selectmen's orders	12 279.40
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	\$ 4,733.24

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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General Government

Town Officers' Salaries

Flora Matthews, Auditor	\$ 17.70
Violet G. Parris, Auditor	17.70
Thomas Newton, Selectman	430.30
S. E. Lane, Selectman	120.20
Lucien M. Parris, Selectman	138.55
Ileene E. Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	110.00
Annie M. Esty, Collector	158.00
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	\$ 992.45

Town Officers' Expenses

Thomas Newton, Selectman	178.66
S. E. Lane, Selectman	76.25
Lucien M. Parris, Selectman	34.60
Violet G. Parris, Auditor	3.00
Ileene E. Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	28.65
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	\$ 321.16

Election and Registration

Edythe M. Newton, Supervisor	43.20
Floyd H. Colby, Supervisor	43.20
Lillian Colby, Ballot clerk	2.40
Violet G. Parris, Ballot clerk	2.40
Annie M. Esty, Ballot clerk	9.60
Hattie Matthews, Ballot clerk	9.60
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	\$ 110.40

Miscellaneous Bills

Merrimack Farmers Exchange, road salt	\$	42.00
Jone Auto Co., labor and parts		135.29
Carl H. Frink, plow blades		22.72
Fred's Auto Service, cross chains		28.80
Edythe M. Newton, copying invoice		19.20
Cavis Bros., shovels		4.00
Sarah Dunkerton, overdeposit		2.09
Flora Matthews, Library Treasurer		200.00
The Colby Press, printing Town Reports, etc.		83.25
P. I. Perkins Co., tractor parts		80.92
Town of Ellsworth, reimbursement on 1942 cloudburst		17.25
Lucien M. Parris, mowing town house yard		26.00
Harry Huckins, County tax		754.51
John C. Ray, bonds and insurance		90.36
N. H. Assessors Association, dues		4.00
N. H. Electric Co-op., lights		18.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region appropriation		50.00
Groton School District		2,431.24
Plymouth Memorial Hospital		50.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies		77.97
Cavis Bros. Co., paint for tractor house		24.65
Town poor		100.00
Musgrove Printing House		3.90
Fred J. Shores, registrar		8.83
Farm Bureau Ins. Co.		7.00
Thomas' Newton, Overseer		25.00
State of New Hampshire, Old Age Assistance		15.26
Chase Grain Mill, road salt		161.60
W. I. Smith, trucking		40.00
State Treasurer, Special Poll taxes		153.00

J. N. Mahoney, welding snow plow	\$	312.18
Consolidated Steel Syndicate, plow blades etc.		329.76
E. E. Matthews, bounties		6.00
N. H. Explosives Co., general expense of highway dept.		67.13
Annie M. Esty, taxes bought by Town		332.07
Agnes A. Lane, payment of note		500.00
Agnes A. Lane, interest on note		10.00
Thomas Newton, bounties		52.50
Lucien M. Parris, bounties		49.00
S. E. Lane, bounties		43.00
Thomas Newton, Fire Warden, express, investigations, etc.		21.06
Thomas Newton, Fire Warden, Mine fire		1,014.60
Town of Hebron, fire on Hobart hill		52.90
Town of Bristol, mine fire		53.36
Town of Canaan, mine fire		48.00
James Q. Ricard, food for men at mine fire		3.25
Lucien M. Parris, deputy warden, Latulippe fire		4.60
Rumney Fire Dept., Rossinol Camp fire		40.00
E. E. Matthews deputy fire warden		4.75
William Borowsk, Latulippe fire		4.80
O. C. Fuller, truck battery		10.65
Thomas Newton, telephone and postage		21.44
Thomas Newton. Police		6.60
Ileene A. Matthews, auto and dog tax		13.36
S. E. Lane, health officer		15.00
S. E. Lane, general exp. of highway		4.00
S. E. Lane, telephones		3.60
Vital Statistics		1.50
Annie M. Esty, cost of sale and postage		32.77
Thomas Newton, Town Hall expense		10.00
B. F. Dougherty, labor on tractor crank		2.25
E. E. Matthews, telephone call		1.93

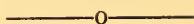
Labor on tractor house	\$	19.20
Work on tractor		24.00
Labor on tractor house		33.60
Painting tractor house		17.40
Labor on tractor house		28.80
Maurice Kidder, gas		2.25
Rand's Hardware, nails and spikes		2.40
Chain for plow		2.00
H. J. Follansbee, bolts and wash rs		3.78
Drag plank		2.00
O. G. Matthews. draw chain		3.00
Mable Draper, gas		1.13
Bank charges		1.80
Total	\$	7,890.26

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Snow Removal and Sanding—Supervision of E. E. Matthews

E. E. Matthews,	\$	533.22
Thomas Newton		336.00
O. G. Matthews		33.20
C. G. Matthews		41.90
L. M. Parris, team		7.00
Lewis Albert		16.20
Sam D. Stevens		3.00
Walter Stevens		4.20
Edward Albert		15.40
Floyd H. Colby		12.00
F. E. Matthews		42.30
F. E. Matthews Jr.		13.80
C. U. Matthews		4.80
Merrick L. Hipson		87.53
Cavis Bros., chains		3.60

Fred's Auto, hooks	\$	1.00
Rumney Garage, gas		3.44
Mabel Draper, gas		161.54
Maurice Kidder, gas		22.39
Agnes A. Lane, truck		6.00
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Total	\$	1,348.52

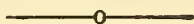


South End Road—Supervision of Ernest E. Matthews

Labor

E. E. Matthews	323.70
Thomas Newton	107.98
C. E. Matthews	58.20
O. G. Matthews	2.40
C. G. Matthews	18.00
F. E. Matthews	72.00
P. D. Matthews	16.20
F. E. Matthews Jr.	3.00
S. E. Lane	75.60
Lewis Albert	13.20
Walter Stevens	9.00
Norris Smith, labor and truck	26.70
Sarah Dunkerton, gravel	1.00
Flora Matthews, truck	4.50
Lucien Parris, truck	18.90
Agnes A. Lane, truck	16.20
Mabel Draper, gas	12 38
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Total	\$ 778.96

ROAD AGENTS' REPORTS



North End—Supervision of Fred J. White

Labor

Fred J. White	\$	291.80
Fred Vinton		36.00
Charles H. Tarr		5.40
P. A. Hurd		42.00
Fred Waldron		13.20
Sam D. Stevens		9.60
Lawrence Bowles		18.00
L. J. Parris		18.00
James White		10.80
Lewis Albert		7.20
Thomas Newton		13.80
Fred J. White, team		203.70
Fred Vinton, team		36.00
Charle H. Tarr, team		5.40
E. E. Matthews, operating tractor		27.00
S. E. Lane, operating road machine		28.70
S. E. Lane, truck		19.80
S. E. Lane, oil		1.75
L. M. Parris, truck		27.00
Mable Draper, gas		22.50
Total	\$	837.65

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1944.

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment State also if funds were borrowed or used for city or town purposes and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 51, Section 23, Revised Laws	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL Int. Rate of	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During 11 Mo. Ending 11 Mo.	Balance of Income on Hand at end of Year
George W Hall Fund	George W Hall	Deposited in the Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank.	\$ 100.00	2 1-2 \$ 22.54	2.82	\$ 25.36
Care of Hall Lot in Union Cemetery						
Cyrus Blood Fund	Cyrus Blood	Deposited in the Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank.	\$ 50.00	2 1-2 7.30	1.32	8.62
Care of Cyrus Blood Lot in Rolfe Hill Cemetery						
Totals \$150 00				\$ 29.84	\$ 4.14	\$ 33.98

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 FLOYD H. COLBY, AGNES A. LANE, Trustees December 31, 1944, Examined and found correct. FLORA MATTHEWS, VIOLET PARRIS, Auditors

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

 Resources

Books owned February 1, 1944	2307
Book bought by town	20
Books added by gifts	27
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	2,354
Books discarded	657
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Books owned January 1, 1945	1,697
Books borrowed from Bookmobile	200
Magazines by subscription	3
Magazines by gifts	5
State reports, etc.	5

Service

Volumns of fiction lent	389
Volumns of non-fiction lent	155
Volumns of juvenile fiction lent	287
Volumns of juvenile fiction at North Groton station	100
Total circulation	931
New borrowers	2
Regular borrowers	12
Borrowers at schools	14

Librarian's Cash Statement

Cash on hand February 1, 1944	\$	6.26
Credit at Womrath's Bookshop		9.44
Received from discarded books		.50
Received from fines		1.88
Gift from Miss M. F. Warner		5.00
Received from Library Treasurer		8.00
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	\$	31.08

Paid out

For books	\$	12.02
For books, credit at Womraths		9.32
For magazine subscription, 2 years		5.00
For postage		.34

\$ 26.68

Amount on hand January 1, 1945 4 40

Jan. 13, 1945, Examined and found correct.

Flora Matthews, Violet G. Parris, Auditors

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Feb. 1, 44, Cash on hand	\$	21.94
March 31, Selectmen		50.00
Dec. 31, Selectmen		150.00
Sale of old books		3.50

Total Receipts \$ 225.44

Payments

March 16	Gaylord Bros., Book ends	\$	7.80
March 17	Frank Wells, Shingles		2.65
March 21	Alice Stevens, Janitor and Asst. Lib.		4.25
March 18	O. G. Matthews, Sawing wood		6.37
April 21	Ernest Matthews, Patching roof		3.00
Nov. 7	Life Magazine		7.00
Nov. 14	Flora Matthews, Moving wood, mowing		5.40

Dec. 31,	Agnes A. Lane, Salary	52.00
Dec. 31,	N. H. Electric, Lights	18.00
Dec. 31,	Denis Matthews, Shoveling	3.60
	2 Check books	2.00
	Flora Matthews, Janitor and postage	.63
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Total Payments	\$	120.70
Cash on hand		104.74
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	\$	225.44

Flora Matthews, Library Treasurer

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of Selectmen, Clerk Treasurer, Trust Funds, Collector and Library of the Town of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1944 and find them correct in all respects.

FLORA MATTHEWS

VIOLET G. PARRIS

Auditors

Annual Report

OF

G R O T O N

SCHOOL DISTRICT

GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane.....Moderator

Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews.....Clerk

Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews.....Treasurer

Mrs. Flora Matthews.....Auditor

School Board

Mrs. Annie M. Esty, Chairman.....Term expires 1945

Mrs. Violet Parris.....Term expires 1946

Mrs. Yvonne R. Stevens.....Term expires 1947

Teacher

Mrs. Ida G. Serrine.....Groton

Miss Lila M. Tuttle.....No. Groton

Superintendent of Schools

Earl P. Freese

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna. Lovett, R. N.

FINANCIAL REPORT

of

School Treasurer and School Board

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1943	\$	334.25
From Selectmen, appropriation 1943-44		2,862.24
From Selectmen, balance previous appropriation		242.96
From Selectmen, dog tax		69.00
From State Treasurer, state aid		325.51
From all other sources		2.50
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Total amount available for 1943-44		3,836.46
Less School Board orders paid		3,552.08
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1944	\$	284.38
June 30, 1944.	Heene A. Matthews Treasurer	

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944 and find them correct in all respects.

FLORA MATTHEWS,

July 14, 1944.

Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 1944.

Receipts

From State Treasurer: State Aid	\$ 325.51
From Selectmen,: 1942 appropriation	242.96
From Selectmen: 1943 appropriation	2,862.24
From Selectmen: dog tax	60.00
From sale of property	2.50
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Total Receipts from all sources	\$ 3,502.21
Cash on hand July 1, 1943	334.25
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Grand Total	\$ 3,836.46

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Croton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FLORA MATTHEWS,

July 14, 1944.

Auditor

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

1943-44

Salaries of District Officers

Annie M. Esty, school board	\$	31.67
Ileene A. Matthews, school board		31.66
Violet G. Parris, school board		20.00
Yvonne Stevens, school board		5.00
Sarah Dunkerton, treasurer		5.00
Flora Matthews, auditor		4.40
Total	\$	97.73

Superintendent's Salary

Annie L. Remick Union Treasurer	\$	114.79
Truant Officer and School Census		
Annie M. Esty, salary	\$	6.25
Musgrove Printing House, cards		1.10
Total	\$	7.35

Expenses of Administration

Annie L. Remick, Union expense	\$	10.00
A. L. Moody, ice cream		10.00
John C. Ray, treasurer's bonds		10.00
Violet G. Parris		5.00
Granville F. Wheeler, flowers		3.50
Annie M. Esty, postage and auto hire		2.68
Bristol Bank, service charges		2.15
Yvonne Stevens, auto hire		2.00
Clover Farm Stores, graduation exp.		1.45
Ileene A. Matthews, postage		.60
Edson C. Eastman Co., school warrants		.52
Total	\$	47.90

Teachers' Salaries

Doris E. Wilson, salary	\$	984.00
Ethel W. Clowes, salary		944.00

Collector of Internal Revenue, 'W' tax	155.40
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Total	\$ 2,083.40
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Text Books

Macmillan Co	\$ 18.61
Row, Peterson & Co.	6 64
Beckley Cardy Co.	6.10
John C. Winston Co.	2.16
Iroquois Pub. Co.	.33

Total	\$ 33.84
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Scholars' Supplies

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$ 21.11
Ed. E. Babb Co.	13.17
Iroquois Pub. Co.	7.03
Musgrove Printing House	6.10
Row, Peterson & Co.	3.57
American Book Co.	2.61
Ginn & Co.,	1 14
Charles E. Merrill Co.	.93
Laidlaw Bros.	.72
Holden Patent Book Cover Co	.37

Total	\$ 56.75
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Other Expenses of Instruction

Silver Burdett Co., book	\$ 3.05
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	1.71
A. M. Bentel, atlas	1.00

Total	\$ 5.76
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Janitor Service

Doris E. Wilson	\$ 75.00
Ethel W. Clowes	75.00

Total	\$ 150.00
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Fuel

Edythe M. Matthews, wood	\$	128.00
Walter Stevens, wood		49.00
Ernest Matthews, wood		46.00
O. A. Patterson, wood and labor		15.50
Arnold Barnard, labor		9.00
James Parris, labor		4.50
Doris E. Wilson, paid labor		4.20
Norris Smith, labor		3.00
Vernon Matthews, labor		1.50
Dennis Matthews, labor		1.50
Anne M. Esty, paid labor		1.20

Total	\$	263.40
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Light and Janitor Supplies

N. H. Electric Coop., lights	\$	36.00
J. L. Hammett Co., chemicals		26.00
White River Paper Co., supplies		6.36
Edward E. Babb Co., supplies		1.61
H. J. Follansbee, supplies		.89

Total	\$	70.86
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Minor Repairs and Expenses

T. T. Goodwin, labor on toilets	\$	20.61
Violet G. Parris, labor and cleaning		12.60
Ileene A. Matthews, cleaning		8.40
Rand Hardware Store, paint		3.70
Carrol Matthews, labor		1.50

Total	\$	46.81
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Medical Inspection

Anna Lovett, R. N., salary	\$	41.28
Collector of Internal Revenue "W" tax		7.35
McCrillis Drug Store, supplies		2.51
Total	\$	51.14

Transportation

Yvonne Stevens, board James Albert	\$	177.00
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Tuition, High School

Plymouth School District	\$	165.20
Bristol School District		100.00
Total	\$	265.20

Per Capita Tax

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer	\$	74.00
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New Equipment

Row, Peterson & Co., reading chart		615
Total Payments	\$	3,552.08

Balance Sheet

Balance on hand June 30, 1944	\$	284.38
Due from Selectmen, bal. 1943 appropriation		.60
Total	\$	284.98
Liabilities, due Int. Revenue "W" tax		69.15
Net Assets	\$	215.83

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Public Laws 1926, Chapter 68: 22, and upon forms furnished by the State Tax Commission.

ANNIE M. ESTY,
VIOLET G. PARRIS,
YVONNE R. STEVENS,

June 30, 1944.

School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

1943-44

Enrollment by Grades

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Pupils	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	22
	Boys 11						Girls 11		

Promotion Table

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Promoted	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	17
Retarded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Septages	6-0,	6-1,	7-1,	9-0,	10-4,	11-8,	13-1,	14-0	

Pupils by Ages

Pupils between 5 and 8—7, between 8 and 14—13, between 14 and 16—2. Total 22.

District Totals

Pupils not tardy nor absent—5, Cases of tardiness—40
 Pupils transported—1, Tuitions paid elsewhere: high school
 3. Number of school houses used—2, Teachers, women—2,
 Holding certificates—2. Normal school graduates—1.
 Teachers' College graduates—1. Teachers holding certificates
 2. School nurses, part time—1. School Board meetings—10
 Visits to schools: by school board—8, by Superintendent—26,
 by citizens—47. Days schools in session—175.

Tuitions Paid as of October 1944.

High School

Plymouth—Rate		\$ 93.87	
Pupil			Grade
Annita Latulippe			9
Bertha White			12
Total paid Plymouth		\$	187.74
Bristol—Rate		\$ 107.46	
Alice Stevens			11
			107.46
Total Tuitions—estimate		\$	295.20

Elementary

Dorchester School District		Rate—\$45.00	
Pupil			Grade
Brian Parrie		5	45.00
James Parris		7	45.00
Total tuition elementary		\$	90.00

Attendance Record

September 5, 1944 to December 22, 1944

School	Sessions	Attend	Tardy	Enrr.	Visits by	
					Supt	Nu
No. Groton	144	95.7	0	7	7	7
Groton	144	89.0	1	7	7	7

Enrollment by Grades

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
No. Groton	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	7
Groton	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	7
Totals	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	4	14

PAYMENTS 1943-1944, BUDGET 1944-1945 AND PROPOSED BUDGET

1945-1946

	Payments	Budget	Budget
	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
Salaries of district officers	\$ 97.73	100.00	105.00
Superintendent's salary	114.79	119.60	119.60
Truant officer and census	7.35	10.00	10.00
Expenses of administration	47.90	50.00	76.55
Teacher's salaries	2,083.40	2,200.00	2,400.00
Text Books	33.84	25.00	25.00
Scholars supplies	56.75	35.00	35.00
Flags		12.00	8.00
Other Expenses of instruction	5.76	15.00	15.00
Janitor service	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fuel	263.40	154.00	200.00
Water, Light and janitors supplies	70.86	75.00	75.00
Repairs and expenses	46.81	198.76	100.00
Medical Supervision	51.14	50.00	52.10
Transportation of pupils	177.00	295.20	
High school tuition	265.20	90.00	308.79
Elementary school tuition		5.00	90.00
Other special activities		64.00	5.00
Per Capita tax	74.00		56.00
New equipment	6.15		
TOTALS	\$ 3,552.08	3,728.31	3,831.04

School Board's Estimate for 1945-46

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 2,400.00
Text Books	25.00
Scholars' supplies	35.00
Flags and appurtenances	8.00
Other expenses of Instruction	15.00
Janitor service	150.00
Fuel	200.00
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	75.00
Minor repair and expenses	100.00
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection)	52.10
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	90.00
Other Special Activities	5.00
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	\$ 3,155.10

Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	\$ 105.00
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district)	10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools (estimated)	308.79
Superintendent's excess salary	
(fixed by Supervisory Union)	119.60
Per Capita tax (Report of State Treasurer)	56.00
Other obligations	76.55
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	\$ 675.94

Total Amount Required to Meet	
School Board's Budget	\$ 3,831.04

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1945 (estimate)	\$ 150.00
State Aid (December 1943 Allotment)	250.00
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Deduct Total Estimated Income	\$ 400.00
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget	\$ 3,431.04

ANNIE M. ESTY,
VIOLET G. PARRIS
YVONNE R. STEVENS,

Jan. 29, 1945.

School Board

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

In Groton, N. H., December 14, 1944, a daughter, Josephine Merle, to Charles H. and Teresa Tarr.

DEATHS

In Groton, N. H., August 5, 1944, Bertiam F. Woodford of Conception Bay, Harbour Main, Newfoundland, aged 25 years.

In Groton, N. H., November 9, 1944, Elmer E. Horne, aged 84 years, 4 months and 9 days.

I hereby certify that the above records are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ileene A. Matthews, Town Clerk

To:

Helene Brackett, Librarian
Hamilton Smith Library
Durham, New Hampshire

